

**SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AD HOC COMMITTEE)**

Minutes of Meeting (~~ref~~Approved)

**Date:** October 18, 2022

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Participation:** John Flanders, Christin Kondash, Tricia Orozco, Sherry Linton-Massiah, Lynn Weeks, Ali Mulvihill, Sharon Bremner, Debbie Chameides, Alice Martinez, Amanda Pickett, Andrea Duarte, Catherine Holt, Melanie Wilde-Lane, Melanie Bonjour, Ann Gionet, Christine Velasquez, Chlo-Anne Bobrowski

**Absent:** Judy Kanz, Dr. Robert Dudley, Steve Hernandez, Dana Robinson-Rush, Yvette Cortez, Jill Holmes Brown

Item	Action	Follow Up
<b>1. Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions by all participants</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved minutes from 7/19/22 (1. Melanie Bonjour 2. Amanda Pickett)</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Membership Updates/Vacant Seats</b>	<p>New Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Flanders – Membership role is family advocate - special education attorney who represents families with children with disabilities. Serves as Vice president of the Board of Directors of Special Education Equity for Kids of Connecticut, and a board member of the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers.</li> <li>• Lynn Weeks – Membership role is a representative of a SBHC sponsored by a school or school system - School Based Health Center coordinator in Windham Public Schools and a member of the Connecticut Association of School based Health Centers.</li> <li>• Catherine Holt – Membership role DSS representative - Medical Policy unit at DSS</li> </ul> <p>Vacant Positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of a hospital sponsored SBHC. 2 staff being narrowed down from Yale. Should be filled soon.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. SBHCs/CASBHC How can we collaborate?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building behavioral health and mental health supports by providing opportunity and some guidance on school based health centers and how to more effectively leverage their supports and resources.</li> <li>• Integrated in our systems of support at schools, not just a location inside of a school, build capacity.</li> <li>• Education Development Center has a suicide prevention resource center for the nation and there's an opportunity forecasted that the EDC is looking for school systems to partner with to promote health equity and achieve wellness and well-being for students.</li> <li>• Interested in one pager/infographic about what SBHCs are to hand out.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send out info on forecasted opportunity.</li> <li>• CASBHC has a few pages that will be shared.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Funding Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPH is working to contract with a national vendor to distribute 12 million CDC funding. Contract needs to be reviewed by the AG. Funding is extended to 6/30/24. This is a COVID-19 workforce development grant and will be available for any type of SBHC services including new or existing sites.</li> <li>• SB1 10 million ARPA funding is being worked on by DPH. Application needs to be submitted in OPM for permission to spend the funds. Funding is specific to children's mental health and will go to mental health only sites. Sites listed in PA 21-35 report will get priority.</li> <li>• US Department of Education, for \$280 million funded through the bipartisan Safer Communities</li> </ul>	

	Act and funding is to address the mental health crisis. What's happening to kids with the impact of COVID academically.	
<b>6. DPH Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maternal and Child Health Block Grant federal review is 10/25/22. SBHCs are highlighted in the application.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. CASBHC Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/8/22 is the SBHC annual conference. Registration is open until 10/28/22. Information on the keynote and breakouts are listed on the website.</li> <li>• Mapping Project is almost complete. All SBHCs statewide that are currently providing services (mental health, dental, medical or any combination) are mapped out along with all their services and contact information. Launch end of October.</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Member Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Ritter is touring MD Fox SBHC in Hartford</li> <li>• Governor may tour SBHC in East Hartford</li> <li>• Intercommunity Gala is on 11/18</li> <li>• Intercommunity and EH BOE partnered to expand SBHC services in Sunset Ridge and Woodland Schools in East Hartford</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Next Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 17, 2023 1:30-3:00</li> <li>• April 18, 2023 1:30-3:00</li> <li>• July 18, 2023 1:30-3:00</li> </ul> <p>Meeting Adjourned 1. Tricia Orozco 2. John Flanders</p>	

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Velasquez